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**BOX APPLICATIONS**

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First Named Inventor: WINCHESTER, Richard M.  
Title of Invention: Construction Layout Stripping  
Total Pages in Trans.: 51 (Excluding Copies Of Patents)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is a complete application for a continuation-in-part utility patent including the following parts:

1. Form PTO-2038, Credit Card Payment Form (Payment Amount: \$355.00);<sup>1</sup>
2. Cover Sheet;
3. Specification;
  - a. Title of the Invention,
  - b. Background of the Invention,
    - (1) Field of the Invention,
    - (2) Description of the Prior Art,
  - c. Brief Summary of the Invention,
  - d. Brief Description of the Drawings,
  - e. Description of the Preferred Embodiments,
  - f. Claims (2 Independent; 12 Dependent ),
  - g. Abstract,
4. Drawings (5 sheets);
5. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
6. Information Disclosure Statement.

Also enclosed herewith are Affidavits from experts in the construction industry distinguishing the subject matter of the present application from patents cited in the prior application, this application's Parent Application. These Affidavits establish, the applicant believes, that the present subject matter is patentably distinct from prior art cited by the Examiner in the Parent Application.

<sup>1</sup> It is hereby stated that the inventor named herein qualifies as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for the purposes of paying reduced fees to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office described in the specification filed herewith with the title listed as Apparatus and Method for Performing Secure Network Transactions.

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Should you wish to call me regarding any of these matters, please feel free to do so. I look forward to discussing this application with you at your earliest convenience.

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For the Firm

## Enclosures

1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and what is causing the issue.